

**Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2019**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Mark Anderson – present via phone	Jerry Foxhoven – present via phone
Alexa Heffernan – absent	Harry Rossander - present
Kimberly Kudej – present via phone	Nancy Freudenberg - present
Kim Spading – present via phone	Carrie Malone – present via phone
Sam Wallace – present via phone	Jana Rhoads – present
	Matt Highland – present via phone

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Representative Joel Fry – absent
Representative Lisa Heddens – absent
Senator Amanda Ragan – absent
Senator Mark Segebart – absent

Guests

Tony Leys, Des Moines Register
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, IDOM
Craig Schoenfeld, Iowa Total Care

Call to Order

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. via conference call on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Anderson stated:

“This meeting of the Iowa Council on Human Services is being held in accord with Section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa entitled, “electronic meeting.” The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical, or if the governmental body complies with the rules. The rules essentially state that access must be provided to the public. The meeting is being held on a speaker phone in the First Floor Conference Room of the Hoover State Office Building. An agenda was sent to interested groups as well as the press advising that the meeting will be held via conference call. Minutes will be kept of the meeting.”

Roll Call

All Council members were present with the exception of Heffernan.
All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

Rules

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rule for adoption:

R-1 Amendments to Chapters 51 and 52, State Supplementary Assistance. These amendments implement the January 1, 2019, cost of living adjustments (COLA) to income limits and benefit amounts for several State Supplementary Assistance categories. These amendments also implement the changed personal needs allowance for the Residential Care Facility (RCF) assistance Family-Life Home (FLH) assistance.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Spading. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rules for Notice:

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 73, Medicaid. Allows advanced registered nurse practioners (ARNPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to be primary care providers with a managed care organization (MCO).

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 176, Dependent Adult Abuse. Streamlines required maintenance of administrative rules for dependent adult abuse by removing form numbers from administrative rules.

A motion was made by Wallace to accept the Notices of Intended Action and seconded by Kudej. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Legislative Update

Carrie Malone presented a legislative update in which she discussed:

- There has been much conversation regarding telehealth and how telehealth can be a solution either within or outside of Medicaid but how it could be a source of cost savings.
- Presentations on Children's Board at the HHS Budget sub-committee. Legislators were excited about moving forward on this topic. MHDS gave presentation to the House Human Resources Committee on the Complex Needs Bill that passed last year and what next steps could be.
- Gov's office approved 5 DHS bills:
 - Child support fees
 - Community self resource allowance
 - Medicaid Member Appeals
 - Family First Legislation
 - Hawk-I and ELIAS system

- Two of the five bills have already passed through committee and will pass through the first funnel.
- DHS is also working with legislators to push forward a bill on the subject of Divestiture.
- As a result of discussion after the formal bill process, this bill concept was proposed. The federal government requires that the state follow up with someone on Medicaid who has assets that used Medicaid to recover costs. Iowa is the only state in the country that follows our current process. The concept discussed would instead place a lien on assets that would allow heirs to determine the best way to pay for the lien. The current process has been in place for more than 20 years and allows the State to seize assets from members to pay for Medicaid services rendered. The new proposal would install a lien on those assets that would allow heirs to determine method of payment for the incurred debt.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Kudej to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Council Update

Anderson – Nothing to report

Wallace – Nothing to report

Spading – Will soon begin working with the Iowa Department of Public Health and others in the TelePrEP program. This program is intended to deliver HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and comprehensive sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention services in rural areas.

Kudej – Nothing to report

Director's Report

Jerry Foxhoven, Director, reported

- The Department is very busy with many different presentations on our programs and proposed legislation.
- The Department is out promoting the Governor's decision to add additional funding within her proposed budget. These monies will improve technologies available to workers in the field and add up to 84 social workers to the staff and will help ease work loads. This is the first time in many years where the Department is not trying to determine how to deal with budget cuts.

Matt Highland, Chief Information Officer, reported on the status of the new MCO choice roll out.

New MCO Choice Roll Out Overview

- In your materials are some information on the addition of the new MCO we prepared for legislators and wanted to share with you.
- As you know, Iowa Total Care (ITC) coverage begins July 1, 2019. Some members (about 140,000) will not be included in the redistribution to minimize disruption for these members with critical health care needs, but they will still have the opportunity to switch MCOs if they wish to:

- Pregnant women
- Members with severe illnesses such as cancer
- Members who have recently transitioned from a long-term care facility back to the community

New MCO Communications

- Mailings will begin March 4, and will be staggered until March 22.
- For those who are not being redistributed, they still have a choice, and packets will be mailed to them the week of March 25 to 29.
- All of these members have until June 18, to make a choice which will be effective July 1, 2019
- In addition—members will have until September 30, to make a change for any reason.
- Members can email their choice, return the form in their packet or simply call member services.
- We will also be publishing an Informational Letter, as we know doctors are often key to getting information to our members
- We are also setting up a New MCO Choice webpage, which will link to sample mailings, have frequently asked questions and will be putting a variety of notices and information on our website.
 - We will also be using our e-news and social media posts to get information out.
 - Included in the packet, is a timeline and legislative, member and provider resources to assist if with constituent questions.

Kudej asked if all providers would need to re-enroll with the new provider. Highland explained that all providers would need to be enrolled with the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise and also with each MCO. Highland also noted that ITC has been in the process of enrolling providers for some time.

Anderson asked when the information in the packet supplied to Council would be shared with the press. Highland explained that the information is already available on the DHS website.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the Hoover Building.

Adjournment

Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Submitted by,
Harry Rossander
Interim Recording Secretary
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